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Madam:

Applicants wish to acknowledge that the Office Action dated October 6, 2008 was a Non-Final rejection, as confirmed by Examiner Ostrup on February 9, 2009. Thus, the response filed on January 6, 2009, is a response after Non-Final action, and not a response after Final action as indicated on the cover sheet.

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